

on earmarks, I submit the below detailed explanation of the Village of Hopedale, Village of Hopedale, IL.

Bill Number: H.R. 2996 Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Provisions/Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: entity to receive funding for this project is the Village of Hopedale, located at Box 387, Hopedale, IL 61747.

Description of Request: The funding would be used to conduct preliminary work on a new wastewater treatment plant.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED  
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS  
ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

**HON. RUSH D. HOLT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2009*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2996) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. HOLT. Madam Chair, I rise today in support of H.R. 2996, the Fiscal Year 2010 Interior Appropriations Act.

This bill provides the much needed funding to protect and preserve our natural resources for future generations.

I applaud the Chairman for providing robust funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund in this legislation. I have long been a supporter and a leader in Congress for increasing the funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). Since its creation in 1965, LWCF has provided funding to four federal agencies including the National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Service and the Forest Service to acquire public lands.

In July of 1999 during my first term in Congress, I secured passage of a key amendment to resurrect the state-side portion of LWCF, providing funding for that program for the first time in five years. To date, the stateside program has preserved over 73,000 acres of land in my home state of New Jersey. I strongly support the Manager's amendment which would increase the funding for the state-side matching grants to \$40 million, which is over double the amount that it received in Fiscal Year 2009.

I strongly oppose the amendment of the gentleman from Utah, Mr. CHAFFETZ, that would strip funding from the state side portion of the LWCF. This amendment would be detrimental to the ability of states to preserve at risk open space and I urge my colleagues to oppose it.

TRIBUTE TO MARINE GUNNERY  
SERGEANT CHARLES "BRANDON"  
BAILEY

**HON. GEOFF DAVIS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 26, 2009*

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Marine Gunnery Sergeant Charles "Brandon" Bailey from Florence, Kentucky, who was wounded in an improvised explosive device attack on January 23, 2009, while serving in Afghanistan.

Gunnery Sergeant Bailey is a true patriot. Having felt the call to serve his country since childhood, Brandon sold his small business and selflessly joined the Marine Corps when he was twenty-four years old. He served his first combat deployment in Iraq and was a member of the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit. In April, 2008, Brandon married his childhood friend, Kristie. He was deployed to Afghanistan as a member of the Marine Special Operations Command shortly after the wedding. Without any hesitation, he left his new wife to serve his country once more in harm's way, ultimately to be severely wounded in action.

Gunnery Sergeant Bailey is undergoing rehabilitation with recovery in the distant future. He and Kristie are expecting their first baby this December. Gunnery Sergeant Bailey stays positive and says he is happy he had the opportunity to do the job that he loved and serve his country. Brandon's life and character epitomize the Marine Corps Motto—Semper Fidelis, Always Faithful.

Gunnery Sergeant Bailey is an inspiration to us all. Today, Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to recognize Gunnery Sergeant Bailey's unwavering dedication to the Marine Corps and to thank him for his service to our great nation.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION  
ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010

SPEECH OF

**HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2009*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration of the bill (H.R. 2647) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense; to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal-year 2010, and for other purposes.

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Mr. Chair, ensuring that our nation remains safe and strong is the top priority for this House. Because of the real and increasing nuclear threat from countries like North Korea and Iran, I agree with my colleagues who are offering this amendment that cutting funding for missile defense is the wrong choice for our country right now.

While I certainly support efforts to increase funding for missile defense, I am unable to support the amendment offered by my colleagues. The significant decrease in funding for the Environmental Management included

as an offset in the amendment will have a serious impact on the ability of our nation to fulfill its obligation to clean up our defense nuclear waste at several sites across the country, including one in my district, the Savannah River Site (SRS).

For over fifty years, sites like SRS have played an indispensable role in keeping our nation secure. Now, the federal government has the responsibility to fulfill the commitment it made to the communities and the states that have hosted these sites by cleaning up the legacy nuclear materials that remain and providing a safe environment for future generations. The cuts made by this amendment will significantly delay the progress being made in cleanup efforts at these sites and will undoubtedly impact the highest risk activities—processing and disposing of tank waste, special nuclear materials, and spent nuclear fuel—across the complex.

Additionally, failure to fully fund the Environmental Management program will result in missed regulatory milestones in many states where the sites are located, resulting in substantial fines and penalties from state and federal regulators. These fines will ultimately be paid by the American taxpayer.

During my time in the House, I have proudly worked alongside my Nuclear Cleanup Caucus colleagues as well as the entire South Carolina delegation to ensure the safe and timely cleanup of Cold War-era nuclear waste. And I will continue to advocate for full and stable funding for the Environmental Management Program to keep nuclear waste cleanup on track.

Consequently, even though I support my colleagues' efforts to restore funding for our nation's important missile defense program, I cannot support this amendment because of the detrimental effect the funding reduction will have on the Environmental Management program. We must remain committed to cleaning up our defense nuclear waste now for the benefit of generations to come.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. BRETT GUTHRIE**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 26, 2009*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2996, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman BRETT GUTHRIE

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: Save America's Treasures

Recipient: Breckinridge County Fiscal Court, Hardinsburg, KY

Description of Request: Provide \$150,000 to help preserve the historic Holt House. Judge Joseph Holt served as Judge Advocate General, and then later as Secretary of the Interior and Attorney General in President Lincoln's administration. The house has been on the National Register since 1976, however has not been properly maintained. Restoring the home would be key to helping develop regional tourism.